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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL
ACTIVITIES

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE,
CHARGE' HAS REVIEWED THE MISSION'S ACTIVITIES
IN SUPPORT OF THE DRUG PROGRAM AND FOUND THEM
ADEQUATE FOR DEALING WITH THE DRUG PROBLEM SUCH
AS IT EXISTS IN THE SUDAN. THE EMBASSY NARCOTICS
CONTROL OFFICER MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH RESPONSIBLE
LOCAL OFFICIALS, WHO APPEAR WELL ORGANIZED AND ALERT
TO THE DANGERS OF BOTH DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE AND THE
INTERNATIONAL DRUG TRADE. THE ASSISTANT GENERAL
DIRECTOR OF THE SUDANESE POLICE HEADS A GOVERNMENT
PANEL THAT CONCERNS ITSELF WITH ALL ASPECTS OF
NARCOTICS CONTROL.

2. THERE IS A CERTAIN VOLUME OF ILLEGAL HASHISH
PRODUCTION IN THE SUDAN, PRINCIPALLY IN THE SOUTH,
BUT TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE IT IS ALL CONSUMED
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WITHIN THE COUNTRY (NOT LEAST OF ALL BECAUSE IT

CANNOT COMPETE WITH SUPERIOR GRADES PRODUCED IN NEARBY COUNTRIES). SUDANESE POLICE RECENTLY DISCOVERED AND CONFISCATED A SIZEABLE QUANTITY OF HASHISH, BUT THERE IS NO COMPREHENSIVE OR CONTRATED EFFORT UNDER WAY TO HALT EITHER PROEUCTION OR COMSUMPTION, WHICH IS NOT A MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEM HERE.

3. SUDANESE OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THE SUDAN IS NOW A TRANSIT POINT FOR AN AMPHETAMINE POPULARLY LABELLED THE "CONGO TABLET", REPORTEDLY MANUFACTURED IN FRANCE FOR CONSUMPTION BY SAUDIS AND, TO A LESSER DEGREE, THE SUDAN'S AFRICAN NEIGHBORS. THE SUDANESE ARE IN CONTACT WITH INTERPOL IN PARIS ON THIS PROBLEM.

4. THERE IS NOTHING TO SUGGEST THAT THE SUDAN IS INVOLVED IN ILLEGAL TRAFFIC OF DRUGS TO THE US, EITHER AS A GROWER, MANUFACTURER OR INTERMEDIARY. SHOULD EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY SURFACE, WE WILL SUGGEST WAYS IN WHICH THE US MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO AN INTENSIFICATION OF NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITY IN THE SUDAN. FOR NOW, PRESENT RESOURCES ARE SUFFICIENT. BERLIND

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